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SUBJ: SWAT EARTHQUAKE

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE DEVASTATED TEHSIL HEADQUARTERS VILLAGE OF
PATTAN AND OTHER NEARBY HAMLETS IN SWAT DISTRICT CLOSE TO INDUS
RIVER NIGHT OF DEC. 28-29.

ACCORDING TO PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS WHO VISITED SCENE YESTERDAY,
EARTHQUAKE, AND SUBSEQUENT TREMORS WHICH SHOOK AREA INTERMITTANTLY
THROUGHOUT NIGHT, RESULTED IN ESTIMATED 400-500 DEATHS, OVER
1000 INJURED, AND DESTRUCTION MOST HOUSES AND SHOPS IN PATTAN
VILLAGE.

MEDICAL TEAMS, FOOD, 5000 BLANKETS AND 300-400 TENTS HAVE BEEN
SENT TO DEVASTATED AREA WHICH BECAUSE OF DAMAGE TO KARAKORAM
HIGHWAY CAN NOW ONLY BE REACHED BY HELICOPTER.

OFFICIALS SAY THAT DAMAGE CONFINED TO AREA WITH RADIUS OF 5-10
MILES AND THAT ALL NEARBY REGIONS OF SWAT AND HAZARA DISTRICTS
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AND GILGIT AGENCY APPARENTLY UNAFFECTED.

AREA OF DEVASTATION IS 50 MILES SOUTHWEST OF VILLAGES IN TANGIR
RIVER VALLEY IN GILGIT WHICH HIT BY SEVERE EARTHQUAKE IN 1972.
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